

PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. national phase of	)	
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	)	Group Art Unit:
Inventor: Philip James IONS et al.	)	
	)	Examiner:
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	
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Filed: September 15 , 2006	)	
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For: DIRECT SMELTING PLANT	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.